Thank you for your interest in participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Please see the link below for more information and broad overview of the program from USDA.

Below are the basic requirements to apply to participate in the National School Lunch Program through the Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Program:

- Must be a non-profit with a 501(c)3
- Must be able to provide Articles of Incorporation
- Must have a DUNS number
- Must have a current year W-9 Form

Points to help determine if participation in the NSLP is a viable meal service solution for your students:

- The NSLP is a reimbursement-based program that requires an initial financial commitment.
- It requires a dedicated staff member to direct and administrate the program. The staff member must meet the USDA Professional Standard requirements.
- The application process takes a minimum of 4-6 months to complete.
- The program is a USDA federally funded program must be monitored and reviewed by the Georgia Department of Education, which administers the program.
- All meals served to students must meet current USDA meal pattern requirements.
- All procurement must be conducted based on USDA procurement regulations and requirements.

If you believe your program meets these requirements, we would be happy to discuss the application process in detail. Please contact one of the following:

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